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HHS0003657 RFA

No.	RFA Section #	Page #	Associated Topic or Language	Question for the State	Response
1	2.5.2	11	Need for Service	<p>Proposed Projects must address one or more of the populations identified below:</p> <p>A. Older Adult Survivors Adults aged 65 years or older;</p> <p>B. Survivors who are Low-Income/in Poverty- Adults living below the poverty threshold and/or anyone who cannot meet their basic needs or those of their family;</p> <p>C. Survivors with Mental Health Needs;</p> <p>D. Survivors of Human Trafficking who are also family violence survivors;</p> <p>E. Communities of Color:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Asian Pacific Islander</li> <li>2. African-American</li> <li>3. Latinx (gender-neutral term for people of Latin American heritage)</li> <li>4. Indigenous/Native American</li> </ol> <p>F. Survivors residing in Rural Communities;</p> <p>G. Survivors identifying as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ);</p> <p>H. Youth</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Survivors of dating or family violence</li> <li>2. Child witnesses to family violence</li> </ol> <p>I. Survivors residing in the following counties: Zapata, Garza, Jim Hogg, Kinney, Milam, Mills, and Real; or</p> <p>J. Staff who directly serve survivors of family or dating violence.”</p> <p>The question is: if individuals with disabilities, and Deaf persons, are also eligible populations to be served under projects proposed for funding under this RFA.</p>	<p>Eligible underserved populations are listed in Section 2.5.2 Need for Service. Projects serving individuals with disabilities will be considered if those individuals also fall within one or more of the underserved categories listed within this RFA.</p>

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2			General Question	<p>My agency currently has an HHSC contract under SNRP, will this new RFA that was just released take place of our current contract or this is a completely new project?</p> <p>I am just wondering if our current SNRP will be renewed or a new application will have to be submitted.</p>	<p>This RFA is to procure new SNRP contracts. All currently active FY19 SNRP contracts will end on September 30, 2019. If your agency is interested in applying for a FY20 HHSC SNRP contract, an application must be submitted through this RFA procurement.</p>
3			General Question	<p>I would like to confirm that this process is solely for the SNRP funding versus regular HHSC-Non Residential funding. We have still not received any communication regarding that process and I wanted to ensure that we did not have a misunderstanding.</p>	<p>This RFA is to procure special nonresidential projects, this does not include shelter or nonresidential services.</p>
4			General Question	<p>Are we to complete this for our current SNRP project? Can we have more than 1 SNRP project in any grant term?</p>	<p>Organizations contracting with the HHSC Family Violence Program can only have one active SNRP contract. All currently active FY19 SNRP contracts will end on September 30, 2019. If your agency is interested in applying for a FY20 HHSC SNRP contract, an application must be submitted through this RFA procurement.</p>

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5	2.5.2	11	General Question	<p>A. E. Communities of Color, F. Survivors residing in Rural Communities, J. Staff who directly serve survivors of family or dating violence</p> <p>B. 1. For the communities of Color and Rural Communities need for service, how do we define what is rural and if we serve enough of a particular community. Please see links below for resources we have located and if these resources are acceptable justification for the served communities.</p> <p>F. 2. For staff who directly serve survivors of family or dating violence, can this be used to train individuals that come into contact with survivors or this strictly has to be for people providing direct services in a domestic violence center?</p>	<p>1. To determine if a program is located in an urban, rural or frontier region, respondents can go to <a href="http://www.ruralhealthinfo.org">www.ruralhealthinfo.org</a> to use the "Am I Rural? Tool" to run a report based on the program address.</p> <p>The evaluation of applications received in response to this RFA will consider the submitted project budget and the proposed number of clients to be served to determine if the project budget and goals align. Funding under this RFA is intended to increase or provide new services that are not currently existing and as such, respondents must have an outreach plan for addressing the populations as identified in Section 2.5.2 Need for Service.</p> <p>2. A respondent may apply to this RFA to serve staff who directly serve survivors of family or dating violence outside of a family violence center through the Community Education service as identified in Section 2.5.1 Allowable Services. The respondent may also may respond to this RFA to serve staff who directly serve survivors of family or dating violence within the family violence center if the project is for Organizational Capacity Building, as defined within Section 2.5.1 Allowable Services of this RFA.</p>
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6			General Question	<p>We would like to know if the SNRP would allow expenses for rental or lease of an apartment and the utilities and furnishings needed during the grant period that are specifically geared for transitional housing for DV victims and their non-offending immediate family members residing with them in our rural community. I have reviewed the RFA, but would appreciate any clarification regarding this specific request.</p> <p>Currently, there is no residential shelter in our County, and there is a need for housing options that allow victims to keep their current jobs and/or continue to attend the same schools.</p>	Transitional housing and related expenses are allowable as long as the respondent's organization has clearly defined policies that support who would qualify for this type of services and it must be short-term assistance of up to 3 months. Additionally, these services must be provided for one or more of the underserved populations within the RFA, Section 2.5.2 Need for Service.
7			General Question	<p>Just to confirm- is this RFA for existing projects, or an opportunity for organizations to submit new applications? If we have an ongoing SNRP project, do we submit through this process to continue it?</p>	This RFA is to procure new SNRP contracts. All existing FY19 SNRP contracts will end on September 30, 2019. If your agency is interested in applying for a FY20 HHSC SNRP contract, an application must be submitted through this RFA procurement.
8			General Question	<p>We would like to know if the SNRP would allow expenses for rental or lease of an apartment and the utilities and furnishings needed during the grant period that are specifically geared for transitional housing for DV victims and their non-offending immediate family members residing with them in our rural community. I have reviewed the RFA, but did not find where this particular activity is allowed or not allowed and would appreciate any clarification regarding this specific request.</p> <p>Currently, there is no family violence shelter in our County, and there is a need for housing options that allow victims to keep their current jobs and/or continue to attend the same schools.</p>	This is a repeat of Question #6 above.

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9			General Question	It's not clear what type of nonresidential services is being sought. Our company provides long-distance transportation for victims and new survivors of domestic abuse to get to shelter or family far away.	This RFA is to procure special nonresidential projects (SNRPs) that are outside of, or in addition to nonresidential Contract Specifications outlined in <a href="#">Human Resource Code (HRC) Section 51.005</a> . Acceptable services under the RFA are outlined in Section 2.5.1 Allowable Services.
10	2.5.2	11		E. [Proposed projects must address one or more of the populations identified below] "Staff who directly serve survivors of family or dating violence" F. Is this text intended to say that projects must provide service TO agency staff who serve survivors (i.e. addressing compassion fatigue or secondary trauma)? Or is it intended to say the program proposal must fund staff who serve survivors of family or dating violence?	Projects under this RFA may serve one or more of the populations identified in Section 2.5.2 Need for Service.  If a project serves the staff who directly serve survivors of family or dating violence, it will be through Organizational Capacity Building, as defined in Section 2.5.1 Allowable Services, and the project proposal must also include a direct service component for survivors of family violence.
11			General Question	I wanted to verify whether our agency would need to file a contract renewal request later this year or if we need to respond to the SNRP RFA that was released last week.	This RFA is to procure new SNRP contracts. All existing FY19 SNRP contracts will end on September 30, 2019. If your agency is interested in applying for a FY20 HHSC SNRP contract, an application must be submitted through this RFA procurement.
12	2.5.2	11		E. [Proposed projects must address one or more of the populations identified below] "Youth...survivors of dating or family violence [and] child witnesses to family violence" F. How is Youth defined for the purposes of responding to this RFA? (0-18? 0-24?, or some other age range?)	This RFA defines <i>Youth</i> as 0-18 years of age.